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School boards are reorganized

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Both the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Boards held reorganization meetings last week.

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At the Dallas School Board reorganization meeting on Dec. 3, Dr. Richard Coslett was elected president, Dr. Bruce Goeringer vice president and Colleen Slocum assistant secretary. Larry Schuler was appointed representative to the West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating committee.

The board also heard another report from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects on a feasibility study being conducted to determine what steps should be taken at Dallas Elementary School. The school, built in 1972, was not intended as a permanent building and has developed recurring problems over the years.

The study is intended to give the board a full set of options, including renovations, partial replacement or full replacement. Another report is expected at the board's regular meeting on Dec. 10.

LAKE-LEHMAN

Mark Kornoski was reelected president by one vote over Andrew Salko. Walter Glogowski was named first vice president and Dr. Kevin Carey was elected second vice president. The

treasurer's position was left to be filled at a later meeting.

The following committee chairpersons were appointed: curriculum and instruction; David Paulauskas, athletic and activities; James Welby, buildings and grounds; Richard Bombick, transportation; Karen Masters, support services; Glogowski, finance.

Masters was appointed as representative to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and Glogowski was named as an alternate. Paulauskas was appointed to the Joint Operating Committee that runs the West Side Career and Technology Center for a term that runs to 2015. The JOC is comprised of members from the five school boards of member districts at West Side CTC. The board moved regular meetings from the third Monday of each month to the second Monday of each month.

Welby asked if three meetings scheduled at the elementary schools were necessary. He said the facilities are not the same and that it proves an inconvenience to set up. Superintendent James McGovern said the meetings are held at that location to showcase the schools to board members and make it easier for nearby residents to attend a meeting. No final decision was made.

The next meeting of the Lake-Lehman School Board will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 in the high school library.



Nine-year-old Olivia Maniskas, right, and her mom Kelly, both of Dallas, look over 'World's Greatest Dad' mugs at the Dallas Elementary School Holiday Shopping Event.

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A lesson in SHOPPING

By SARAH HITE
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Dallas Elementary students got an early start on their seasonal shopping lists during the annual holiday shopping event at the school on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Youngsters and their parents perused the various wares and vendors at the event, which included items for everyone in one's family, from brother to godmother.

Olivia Maniskas, 9, of Dallas, was browsing for gifts for her family members with the help of mom, Kelly.

"I'm trying to find something for my mom and dad and my sister Rachel," she said.

Kelly Maniskas said the event is a "great idea" because children get to be more independent and financially responsible while having fun shopping.

"She has money she earns doing things around the house," Kelly said about her daughter. "She's on a budget."

Kelly said the shopping event, which features gifts at kid-

friendly prices, helps out when children want to start getting involved with Christmas and other holiday shopping.

"This is great because they don't have to spend a lot of money," said Kelly. "Santa's already spending a lot of money."

The Robbins family, of Dallas, worked its way around the room, checking out the neat little knick-knacks the in-school store had to offer.

"We had a basketball game and decided to stop in to see what we could buy for family," said mom Pam about the shopping checklists of her daughters, 9-year-old Brooke and 7-year-old Madison.

"We like to support the school and see the money going back into the school," Pam said.

With most items selling for under \$10, Pam likes the affordabil-



Seven-year-old Madison Robbins, left, of Dallas, shows potpourri to her mom Pam and sister Brooke, 9, at the Dallas Elementary School Holiday Shopping Event.

ity of the event while also giving her daughters some freedom in choosing who gets what during the holidays.

"Mom's got all the money today," she said. "But it's nice to have this. If kids go to the mall to buy gifts, they'd be spending a fortune."

Kelly Salitis had her hands full while following her 8-year-old daughter, Abby, around the cafeteria.

The mother-daughter duo from Dallas said they had "between 10 and 11" people to buy for at the event, and the several bags in Kelly's hands meant they were off to a good start Saturday morning.

Kelly likes the idea of teaching children about the value of money at an early age because it gives them a sense of accomplishment and ownership.

"The earlier you can teach them, the better," she said. "She'll sweep the floor and earn money for that. It gives them a sense of importance, that they're buying for others and they did it themselves."

Abby was quietly browsing the shelves, trying to keep her gift list as secret as possible, though she did hint at one gift recipient's favorite sports team.

"I'm looking for something (with) Steelers (on it)," she said.

Contest is extended

PennDOT has extended the deadline for elementary school students to submit entries for its aviation art contest until Wednesday, Dec. 19, recognizing that Hurricane Sandy resulted in school closings in some regions of the state.

Sponsored by PennDOT's Bureau of Aviation, the contest encourages students to display their talents and learn about aviation.

This year's contest theme is "50 Years of American Space Flight." Entries will be judged in two divisions: first through third grades, and fourth and fifth grades.

There will be 22 statewide winners, with one winner from each division selected from each of PennDOT's 11 district offices. Winners will receive a certificate signed by PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch and an enlarged copy of their entry. The students' schools will also receive an enlarged copy of the artwork for display.

Artwork should be submitted on 8.5-by-11-inch or 9-by-12-inch paper, unframed, unmatte and unlined. All work must be done by hand (there is an exception for children with physical challenges).

Permitted formats are acrylic, oil paint, felt-tip pens, indelible ink, soft ballpoint pens, watercolor or crayons. Formats that are not permitted include non-permanent media such as pencil or charcoal, computer-generated artwork and collage work using photocopies.

The back of each submission should include the student's name, teacher's name, grade level, county and school address and phone number. Entries will not be returned. Winners' schools will be notified by telephone.

Send entries to Bureau of Aviation, c/o William Sieg, 400 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120.



Nancy Ide prepares her ball for a good score at the Thursday afternoon Women's Bowling League in Dallas.



Ninety-two-year-old Mary Reese, of Dallas, prepares to bowl at the senior women's Thursday bowling league.

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'Thursday Girls' shine

By MEGAN SCHNEIDER
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It's a tradition that started more than 50 years and every Thursday afternoon women from the Back Mountain gather to keep it alive.

What started in 1955 as the Irem Temple Women's Club has changed its name to the Thursday Girls.

A group of more than 20 senior ladies gather at Back Mountain Bowl each week. These ladies are usually the only people on the lanes so early on a weekday afternoon, but they light up the floor with their personality and their

games.

"We do have a good time," said Joanne Runner, one of the bowlers.

The bowlers range in age from 65 to 92. Mary Reese is the oldest bowler and has been with the league since 1955.

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